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SUBJ: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

PNE MESSAGE NUMBER THIRTY-SEVEN

1. AS INDICATED IN SUMMARY OF TODAY'S PLENARY (SEPTTEL)
WE HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF
VERIFICATION ASPECTS OF CONTAINED PNEs UP TO 100 KT.
ELEMENTS OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. EACH PNE SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF
PLACE, TIME, YIELD AND PURPOSE, AND AFTER THE FACT
RESULTS AND ACTUAL YIELD. IN OUR VIEW, PURPOSE SHOULD
INCLUDE A RATHER COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF EMPLACEMENT
AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF SURROUNDINGS, AS WELL AS
OBJECTIVES OF THE EXPLOSION. APPROACH WILL BE TO ATTEMPT
TO DRAW SOVIETS OUT ON THIS POINT.

B. GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL PARAMETERS MUST BE
PROVIDED AS IN TTBT PROTOCOL. HOWEVER, WE WILL MAKE
THE POINT THAT SOME PNEs MAY BE IN MORE COMPLEX
GEOLOGICAL/GEOPHYSICAL SETTING THAN IS NORMAL IN TEST
SITES, SINCE PNE PURPOSE MAY BE TO EXPLOIT NATURAL
RESOURCES, ETC., WHICH RESULT FROM SUCH COMPLEXITY.
WE WILL MAKE POINT THAT GEOLOGICAL/GEOPHYSICAL DATA
THUS ARE MORE CRITICAL AND REQUIRE VERIFICATION,
ESPECIALLY IN ABSENCE OF CALIBRATION EXPLOSIONS. WE

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WILL REQUEST SOVIET IDEAS ON HOW TO COPE WITH THIS

PROBLEM. (NOTE: THIS WILL BE ENTRY TO OBSERVER
QUESTION IF LATER NEEDED. HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT RAISE
OBSERVER QUESTION.)

C. FURTHER, WE WILL ASSERT THAT, CONTRARY TO THE
SOVIET POSITION, DATA OF A. AND B. ARE REQUIRED
INDEPENDENT OF YIELD.
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